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ATTY DOCKET NO.: 5051-478IP

DATE: February 25, 2002

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
AND FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 CFR 1.53(b))**

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

- ☒ a patent application  
☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☒ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application  
no.: 09/709,206; filed November 9, 2000, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by  
reference in its entirety.  
☐ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_; filed \_\_\_\_\_.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

**Joseph R. Royer**, 109 Weatherly Place, Cary, North Carolina 27511-9009

**George W. Roberts**, 1610 St. Mary's Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27608

Entitled: **CONTINUOUS METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATING  
POLYMER FROM A HIGH PRESSURE CARBON DIOXIDE FLUID STREAM**

**Correspondence Address:**



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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 42 pages of Specification (including 34 claims)
3. ☒ 15 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
  - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below]
  - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)

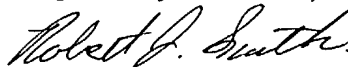
8. ☐ Assignment papers (cover sheet(s) and document(s))
9. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and 44 references cited
11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
12. ☐ English Translation Document
13. ☐ Certified Copy of Application No. ; Filed
14. ☐ Sequence Listing/ Sequence Listing Diskette
- a. ☐ computer readable copy
- b. ☐ paper copy
- c. ☐ statement in support
15. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney
16. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (*Should be specifically itemized*)
17. ☒ Other: **Letter: Application filed under 1.41(c)**

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- a. ☒ Additional filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
- b. ☒ Additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Smith

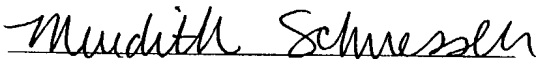
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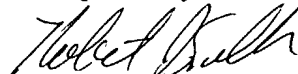
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APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.41(c)

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The above-identified application is being filed on behalf of the inventors, **Joseph R. Royer**, resident of 109 Weatherly Place, Cary, North Carolina 27511-9009; and **George W. Roberts**, 1610 St. Mary's Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27608; under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c). A Declaration and Power of Attorney from the inventors will follow, 37 CFR 1.63.

Respectfully submitted,



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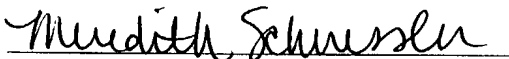
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